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1. REFTEL REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF KOREAN HOTEL/
RESTAURANT TRADE WHEATIMPORTS AND DESCRIPTION OF
QUOTA ADMINISTRATION WITH EMBASSY ESTIMATE OF U.S.
EXPORT POTENTIAL.
2. IN 1977, ONE HUNDRED-SIXTY METRIC TONS (M/T) OF
BEEF WERE IMPORTED FOR HOTEL/RESTAURANT USE. IMPORTS
FROM THE U.S. FOR SUCE USE WERE 85 M/T.
3. ALTHOUGH HOTEL/RESTAURANT QUOTA FOR 1978 IS 500 M/T,
EMBASSY ESTIMATES DEMAND TO BE 300 M/T OF WHICH U.S.
EXPORT POTENTIAL MAY REACH A MAXIMUM OF 300 MT.
4. QUOTAS HERETOFORE HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND
IMPORT LICENSES ISSUED BY HOTELS/RESTAURANTS PRESENTING
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THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION WHICH
FORWARDED THEM THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (MAF)
WHICH ALLOCATED QUANTITIES WHICH WERE THEN LICENSED.
BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. HOWEVER,
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1978, THE HOTEL SUPPLY CENTER WILL
DIRECTLY ADMINISTER THE QUOTA SYSTEM FOR ITS MEMBERS.

THE CENTER IS A TRADING ORGANIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS HAVING FOOD AND BEVERAGE IMPORT PRIVILEGES. THE NEW PROCEDURE IS DESIGNED TO REFORM THE CUMBERSOME PRESENT SYSTEM.

5. SANITARY AND HEALTH INSPECTION WHICH IS BASED ON MAF STANDARDS WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF U.S.D.A., HAS NOT REPEAT NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE POSED PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY FOR IMPORTERS OF U.S. MEAT.
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